

The Health Alert Network (HAN) is the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's (CDPHE), Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response's (OEPR) primary method of disseminating public health alerts and prevention guidelines to partners, providers and key stakeholders. HAN communications can be initiated by authorized personnel at the federal, state or local public health level. The goal is to continuously strive to improve the effectiveness of health related communications.

The CDC defines several HAN communication message types. These classifications are listed in order of severity:

- **Health Alert** – provides vital, time-sensitive information for a specific incident or situation; warrants immediate action or attention by health officials, laboratorians, clinicians and members of the public; and conveys the highest level of importance.
- **Health Advisory** – provides important information for a specific incident or situation; contains recommendations or actionable items to be performed by public health officials, laboratorians, and/or clinicians; may not require immediate action.
- **Health Update** – provides updated information regarding an incident or situation; unlikely to require immediate action.
- **Info Service** – provides general public health information; unlikely to require immediate action.
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